# *To the* QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

## THE HUMBLE

# ADDRESS

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## Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common-Council aſſembled.

*Moſt Gracious Sovereign!*

IT is with the utmoſt Gratitude and ſincereſt Duty, that we preſume to approach Your Sacred Majeſty, to return Our moſt humble and hearty Thanks for the great Confidence You have been pleaſed to place in Your Subjects, by Condeſcending to Communicate to them the Terms on which a Peace may be made.

That affectionate Zeal which they have always ſhewn for Your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, muſt take ſtill deeper Root in their Hearts, and expreſs it ſelf in all the Inſtances of Loyalty and Obedience, from the grateful Senſe they have of Your Majeſty's tender Care in deſigning principally, and purſuing ſteadily, the true Intereſt of Your own Kingdoms.

As there is nothing nearer to Your Majeſty's Heart, than the aſſuring the Proteſtant Succeſſion, as by Law Eſtabliſhed, in the Houſe of *Hanover*, ſo there can be nothing more Grateful to Your Subjects, than to find that particular Care is taken to have it acknowledged in the ſtrongeſt Terms.

We of this City ſhould be utterly Regardleſs of our Intereſt, as well as Unmindful of our Duty, if we did not in a particular manner expreſs our Thankfulneſs for the Ineſtimable Benefits we and our Poſterity may hope to Reap from the diſtinguiſhing Care Your Majeſty hath taken of the *Britiſh* Commerce; by Securing our Trade in thoſe Parts where it hath been Moleſted, by Reſtoring it where it hath been Loſt, and by Extending it to Places to which it hath not, as yet, reached.

May Your Majeſty ſpeedily finiſh that good Work which your great Wiſdom hath ſo far advanced, notwithſtanding the artful Contrivances, and envious Efforts, of a *Factious* and *Malicious Party*: And may You long live to reap the happy Fruits of a Safe and Honourable Peace.

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## Her MAJESTY's moſt Gracious Anſwer.

*THIS Addreſs is very Acceptable to Me, and I return you My Thanks for it.*

*My Aim has been to ſecure Our Religion, the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and Your Liberties, to provide for the Safety of My Allies, to eaſe My own Subjects of the heavy Burthen they lie under, and to improve and enlarge Our Trade: All which Benefits, I hope, will be obtained by the Bleſſing of God on the preſent Negotiations for Peace.*

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